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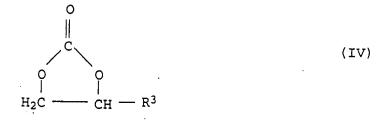
A process for the preparation of O-(2-hydroxyalkyl) oximes of the formula I

$$R^{1}$$
  $C = N - O - CH_{2} - CH - OH$  (I),

in which  $R^1$  and  $R^2$  each stand for an alkyl group having from 1 to 10 carbon atoms or form, together with the carbon atom to which they are attached, a 5-membered to 7-membered cycloalkyl radical, and  $R^3$  denotes an alkyl group having from 1 to 10 carbon atoms, wherein a ketoxime of the general formula II

$$C = N - OH \qquad (II),$$

is caused to react with a carbonate of the formula IV



in the presence of a catalyst.

12. A process as defined in claim 1, wherein the ketoxime II used is acetone oxime, butanone oxime, or cyclohexanone oxime.

1/3. A process as defined in claim 1/2, wherein the ketoxime II used is acetone oxime.

14. A process as defined in claim 1, wherein the starting material is a compound IV in which R3 denotes methyl.

. A process as defined in claim 1, wherein potassium hydrogen carbonate is used as catalyst.

A process as defined in claim / , wherein a tertiary amine is used as catalyst.

A process as defined in claim  $\chi$ , wherein II is reacted with IV without a solvent. --